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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006 regarding the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

A fee sheet which includes an excess claims fee along with a petition for a one month extension of time up to and including August 3, 2006 and authorization of the petition fee is submitted herewith.

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